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# Getting Started

- · Turn the power switch OFF on your Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
- · Insert the Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball Game Pak into the slot on the Game Boy® Advance. Press firmly to lock the Game Pak in place.
- · Turn the power switch ON. The Nintendo logo should appear. (If you don't see it, begin again at step 1.)
- · When the Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball title screen appears, press START.
- When the main menu screen appears, use the Control Pad to select a game mode and press the A Button. (For More Detailed Information on the various game modes, please refer to those sections in this instruction manual.)



# Playing The Game

### Batting

ACTION	How To Perform Action
Swing	Press the @ Button.
Bunt	Press and hold the ③ Button; Direction of Bunt can be controlled by holding ◀ or ▶ on the Control Pad.
Adjust Batting Position	Use the Control Pad to position the batter in the batting box.
Pause the Game	Press START.



### Base Running

Selecting A Runner

The Control Pad is used in conjunction with other buttons and represents the baseball diamond. Pressing ▶ on the Control Pad is First Base, pressing ▲ is Second Base, pressing ◀ is Third, and pressing ▼ is Home Plate.

Advancing a Base Bunner

Base runners can be advanced by holding the ● Button and pressing the direction on the Control Pad of the base that the Base runner is currently on. Example: Holding the ● Button + ▶ on the Control Pad will advance a base runner from First Base to Second Base.

Recalling a Base Runner

To return a base runner to a base that they just left hold down the ③ Button and press the direction on the Control Pad of the base that the base runner just left.



#### **Leading Off**

While at bat a base runner can take a lead by holding the ①
Button and pressing the direction on the Control Pad of the base that the Base Runner is currently on. Base Runners can lead off up to 3 strides (3 presses of the command) before an automatic steal attempt occurs.

Example: Holding the ● Button + ▶ on the Control Pad will allow the base runner to lead off from First Base.

#### Stealing A Base

While the pitcher is in his windup, hold the ① Button + ② Button and the direction of the base you want to steal on the Control Pad.



### Pitching

Positioning the Pitcher The pitcher can be moved on the mound by pressing  $\triangleleft$  or  $\triangleright$  on the Control Pad.

Regular Pitch Press the 🛭 Button

Fast Ball Press ▼ on the Control Pad and press the ② Button.

Curve Ball Press > on the Control Pad and press the @ Button.

Slider Press ◀ on the Control Pad and press the ② Button.

Change Up Press 🛦 on the Control Pad and press the 🛭 Button.

Pick Off
Hold the direction of the base that you want to throw to on the Control Pad and press the ③ Button.

Pause the Game Press START.



### **Fielding**

Fielder movement

The Control Pad is used to move the currently selected fielder.

Throwing to a Base

1st Base: Hold ▶ on the Control Pad and press the ③ Button.

2nd Base: Hold **A** on the Control Pad and press the **3** Button.

3rd Base: Hold ◀ on the Control Pad and press the ③ Button.

Home Base: Hold ▶ on the Control Pad and press the ③ Button.

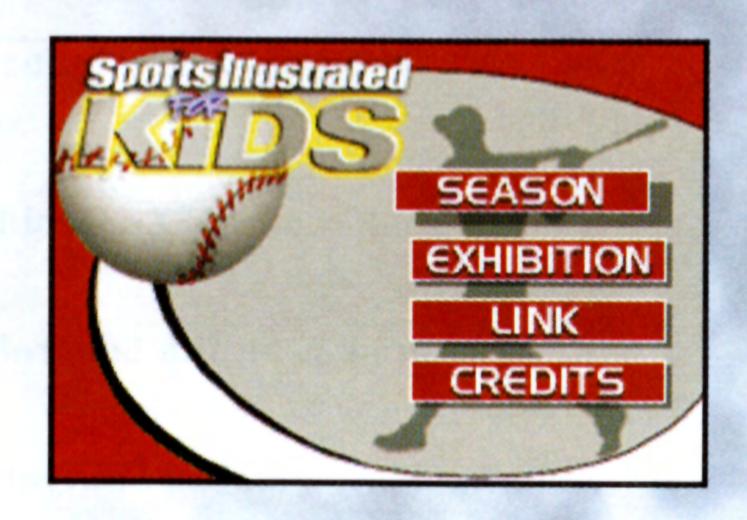
Throwing to the Cutoff Man

When a ball has been hit into the outfield press the ③ Button to throw the ball to the cut off man.

Throwing to the Pitcher

When the ball is in the infield press the ③ Button to throw the ball to the pitcher.

## Game Modes



There are three different game modes available in Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball. They consist of Exhibition Play, Season Play and Multiplayer Link Play.

#### Exhibition

Exhibition Mode allows you to play 9 innings of baseball against a computer opponent. You can choose which team you want to use, as well as the team the computer will use.



Records and stats are not kept and there are no restrictions on which team can be selected.

#### Starting a Game

From the Main Menu select the Exhibition tab and press the 🛭 Button.

#### **Choosing a Team**

Press ▲ or ▼ on the Control Pad to select the team that you want to use. Next press ◀ or ▶ to select the skill level of your team. A higher number indicates better players, but they require more skill to use successfully. After your team and skill have been selected press the ♠ Button. Now select the team and skill level of the computer controlled team and press the ♠ Button.

#### Season

The goal of the season mode is to build up your team and become the champion. You must play through 3 leagues and become the champion of each one. The skill level in each league will increase as you move through them. Lucky for you, every game you play earns your team some experience points. Use these experience points to improve your players and become a champion.

#### **Loading a Team**

The first time playing a season there will be no teams saved. Select a slot to create a team and press the 🕜 Button. If you have saved a team select it from the list and press the 🗘 Button to load your team and continue your season.

#### **Choosing Your Home State**

Press 🖣 or 🕨 on the Control Pad to highlight your team's home state on the map and press the 🙆 Button to select the state.

#### Choosing Your Team's Color

You can choose your team's uniform color by pressing  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\blacktriangledown$  on the Control Pad and your team's sock and sleeve color by pressing  $\blacktriangleleft$  or  $\blacktriangleright$  on the Control Pad. When you have made your decision press the A Button to continue.

#### Entering Your Team's Name

After selecting your home state it is now time to choose your team's name. Use the Control Pad to select a letter and the ② Button to choose the selected letter. When you are finished select END and press the ② Button.



#### Choosing the Team's Playing Style

There are four styles that you can model your team after. Each team type has its own strength and weaknesses. It is up to you to build your team into a champion.

After you select the Team Style by pressing ▲ or ▼ on the Control Pad, press the **①** Button to continue.

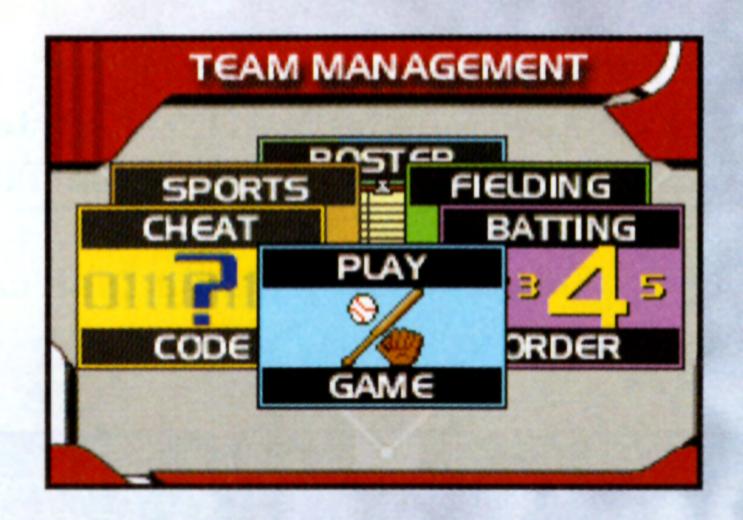
Balanced A team that is balanced in all areas.

Fast Runners A team that has fast base runners.

Good Hitters A team that is good at making contact with the baseball.

Good Pitching A team that has players with strong throwing arms.

# Team Management



After you create your team this is the area where you can make all of your management decisions. Scroll through the various cards by pressing ◀ or ▶ on the Control Pad. Pressing the ♠ Button will select the card that is directly in front of you.

#### Play Game

Selecting this card will start you playing the next game in your season.



#### **Batting Order**

This area allows you to set your team's batting order. Use  $\blacktriangle$  and  $\blacktriangledown$  on the Control Pad to highlight a player, press the O Button to highlight him, and use the Control Pad again to move him  $\blacktriangle$  and  $\blacktriangledown$  in the lineup. When the player is in the location that you want him in press the O Button again to set his location. When you are finished press the O Button to return to the Team Management area.

#### **Fielding Assignments**

This area allows you to assign your players their position in the field. Use ▲ and ▼ on the Control Pad to highlight a player, then press the ♠ Button to select him. Then use the Control Pad again to highlight the player to that you want the first selected player switch positions with and press the ♠ Button to switch. When you are finished press the ☻ Button to return to the Team Management area.

#### Roster

This area allows you to see the players on your team and view their stats. Use ▲ and ▼ on the Control Pad to highlight a player and press the ♠ Button to view their stat sheet. The first column of stats is the current season stats and the other column is lifetime stats. The stats are updated after every completed season game. When you are finished press the ♠ Button to exit.

#### **Sports Page**

This area displays the current league standings.

#### **Cheat Codes**

This area allows you to enter secret codes to unlock bonus items in the game. Use the Control Pad to highlight a letter, the ② Button to select the letter and highlight END and press the ③ Button when you are finished.

#### After A Season Game

#### Training

After each season game you have the opportunity to train all of your team members in a training event.

Highlight a training event from the list of options by using  $\triangle$  or  $\bigvee$  on the Control Pad and use the  $\bigcirc$  Button to make your choice.



Strength
Speed affects batting and throwing power
affects a player's movement in the
field and on the bases
Agility affects throwing and batting accuracy
as well as jumping and diving skills
Arm affects pitching arm and throwing arm
abilities

#### **Experience Allocation**

After each season game your team will be awarded experience points based on how you performed. You can use these points to upgrade your players' abilities and make them superstars. Highlight a player that you would like to upgrade by pressing ▲ or ▼ on the Control Pad and use the ⚠ Button to select him. You can add experience points to four different categories: Strength, Speed, Agility and Arm.

By pressing ▲ or ▼ on the Control Pad select the attribute that you would like to increase. Add a point to that attribute pressing ▶ on the Control Pad. If you make a mistake you can remove a point that you just added by pressing ◀ on the Control Pad. When you are finished allocating points to this player you can go back and select another player by pressing the ③ Button.



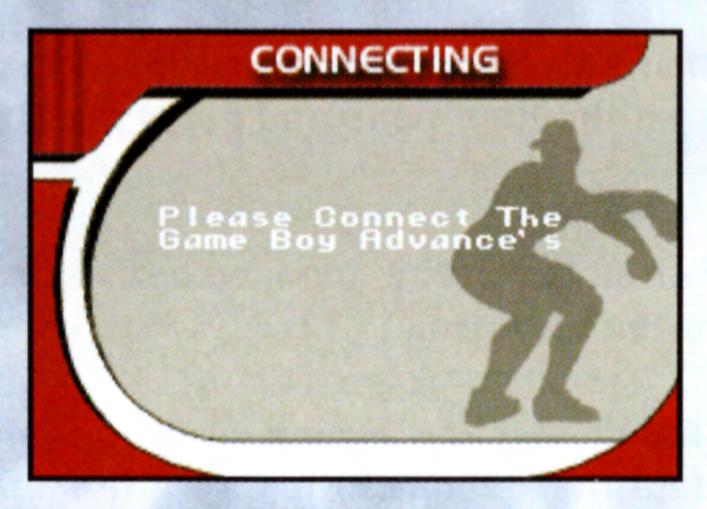
# Saving the Game

The game saves automatically after each fully completed season game.



# Multiplayer Link Game

You can play head to head with a friend who also owns a copy of Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball.



To start the game, follow these instructions:

- · Turn the power switch OFF on all the Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance systems.
- · Insert a Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball Game Pak into the slot on each Game Boy® Advance. Press firmly to lock the Game Pak in place.
- · Link the Game Boy® Advance units together using the Game Boy® Advance Game Link® Cable.



- · Once all the Game Link cables are connected, turn all the power switches ON.
- · When the Sports Illustrated For Kids Baseball title screen appears, press START. Use the Control Pad to highlight LINK on the Main Menu and press the 🙆 Button.

(Note: It may take 5 seconds for all Game Boy Advance units to recognize each other after all players have pressed the ② Button.)

· Select your team from the Team Selection screen using the Control Pad to highlight a team and the ② Button to select it. You may also play with a team that you created by selecting its name from the list.



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